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World Tourism Day celebrated by Aruba's tourism entities



Guest Speaker Joachim de Posada



Minister Otmar Oduber

For a nation which counts tourism as the pillar of its economy, World Tourism Day, Tuesday, September 27, is certainly a day meriting observation in a stylish and informative manner. Aruba's Minister of Tourism, Transport and Labor, Otmar Oduber and the Aruba Tourism Authority welcomed important stakeholders and partners in Aruba's tourism industry, along with island dignitaries, on this appropriate occasion for the presentation of the minister's Tourism Vision, Policy and

Plans for 2012 and the ATA's Marketing Plan for the coming year.

In the two years since Minister Oduber took office, there have been historic changes in the entities under his authority, including the privatization of the ATA, a bold move that has been lauded by all those involved with Aruba's tourism industry; what they consider a positive step towards economic sustainability.

The presentations were made by the minister and CEO of the ATA, Mrs. Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes, at the Westin Aruba Resort in Palm Beach. An additional perk to the afternoon was invited keynote speaker Dr. Joachim de Posada, author of "Don't Eat the Marshmallow... Yet!" and other books. He proved to be a dynamic speaker and expert on motivating companies, employees and individuals, as well as marketing. His sage advice is based on a life of astute observation and successful innovation, and his vastly entertaining and informative talk will be detailed in a subsequent article.

"Today I am standing here before you, surrounded by a new ATA, with an independent legal status within the public sphere; a new spirit, a new style, a promising future."

Minister Oduber told the gathering in preparation of introducing his plan. "It was a dream of myself, but also of many others, and now it is a reality. All of this confirms, 'where there is a will, there is a way,' equally for the government as for the private sector. Change does not just 'happen.'"

"After a successful 25 years of tourism since Status Aparte, we have entered a new era with new opportunities and challenges; with the birth of a new brand and a solid foundation, we can continue to build on this success for the next 25 years."

"Public/Private Partnership and a national approach to tourism is hands-on work. As a small island we can get the impossible done, if we roll up our sleeves and try hard enough. It is in our benefit to work together and communicate regularly to get the best results. Our partnerships with AHATA (Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association) and ATSA (Aruba Time Share Association) have been crucial in our national approach to tourism."

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Guest Speaker with Sanju Luidens-Daryanani

Aruban Minister addressed United Nations General Assembly

NEW YORK CITY -- On September 19 and 20 world authorities on non-transferable diseases meet in New York for an important meeting convened by the United Nations. Non-transferable diseases include cancer, diabetes, obesity, and cardiovascular diseases and chronic respiratory diseases. These diseases are the primary causes of death the world over. It is estimated that three out of every four persons suffer from one of these diseases in the American continent.

Minister of Public Health, Richard Visser was one of the speakers at the assembly. He spoke as a representative of the Dutch Kingdom. The topic of his address was "The Aruban Call for Action on Obesity, with Special Attention to Childhood Obesity." This theme was recently formulated and decreed by 22 representatives of the Ameri-

can Continent in June 2011 which was held here in Aruba.

Visser elaborated on the fight against non-contagious diseases here on Aruba. He explained the use of "eHealth" as a means of prevention and announced that a health food guide will be published to promote healthy eating habits.

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Women's role in today's society brought into focus at Centro di Barrio

ORANJESTAD -- Last Monday, CEDEHM delivered an inspiring and fact filled lecture on the topic, "Today's Women."

CEDEHM is a local organization charged with bringing more awareness to women, informing and educating women on different areas of life and living.

CEDEHM has decided to go to the barrios with educational lectures in an attempt to get closer to the women of our communities. The recent presentation was to residents of the Playa Pabao barrio and was held at the Centro di Barrio Playa Pabao.

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Anti-immigrant policy is 'suicide', says New York mayor

NEW YORK (AFP) - Visa policies that keep skilled workers from settling in the United States amount to "national suicide," New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg said yesterday.

The mayor, a strong supporter of immigration reform, said that current restrictions are hobbling the country in an increasingly fierce, international contest for the best-educated and most skilled workforce.

"As a result, America no longer is the inevitable crossroads for enterprise and innovation. Countries from Asia to South America now

beckon with opportunity. So the United States simply has to compete like never before for talent," he said in a speech.

Bloomberg, who before becoming mayor in 2002 built the hugely successful financial data and news company Bloomberg LP, said US visa rules are "sabotaging our own economy. I've called it national suicide -- and I think it really is."

The heart of the problem, according to Bloomberg, is that although a million new permanent residents are admitted each year, only 15 percent of those are given visas to meet US economic needs, while 85 percent qualify for family and personal reasons.

"That's why I think we should dramatically expand the numbers of green cards available for the best -- the highest-skilled workers we need to join the US economy permanently."

Bloomberg said that temporary work visas helped but were too oversubscribed to be able to cope with the need for skilled labor.

"This leads to critical shortfalls not only in the software industry, but also in fields like engineering, electronics, pharmaceuticals, medical research, and aerospace. This is just absurd to deny American companies access to the workers they need," he said.

The mayor also took aim at the rule capping green cards by country. "Right now, Iceland gets the same quota as India. It just makes no sense," he said.

"I have nothing against Iceland, but just think about where the next engineers and the entrepreneurs are going to come from. We'll get some from Iceland, and we'd love to have them come here. But just because of size, you're

much more likely to get an awful lot from India."

According to Bloomberg, the red tape means that "high-skill employees from China and India can face a wait of up to ten years for a green card."

With unemployment stuck around nine percent and the US economy barely moving, there is a hardening of opinion against immigration ahead of next year's presidential election.

But Bloomberg said that productive immigrants were the solution, not a threat, especially in innovative sectors like high-tech.

"These businesses will hire American workers, and immigrants are more than twice as likely as those born in America to start a new company," he said. "A recent study shows that US job creation in the last 30 years is entirely attributable to startup companies."

2,900 arrested in US illegal immigration sweep

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US authorities arrested 2,900 illegal immigrants with criminal records during a seven-day nationwide sweep, the biggest of its kind, immigration officials said yesterday.

The Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency said the operation, which it dubbed "Cross Check," "led to the arrest of more than 2,900 convicted criminal aliens."

The operation was carried out over a one-week period in

all 50 US states and overseas territories, as part of the US administration's strategy to focus on people with criminal records who are in the country illegally.

"The estimates vary but (there are) somewhere around a million people with criminal convictions who are subject to removal under the law," said ICE director John Morton.

He said the number of illegal immigrants in the country -- about 11 million according

to official estimates -- has always been more than the agency can expel.

"From our perspective, the best place to start is with criminal offenders," he said at a new conference.

Of those detained in the latest operation, 1,282 had multiple convictions to their name, and more than 1,600 had served sentences for crimes like armed robbery, attempted murder, kidnapping or drug trafficking, ICE said.



HAVANA (AFP) - Cuba authorized auto sales among individuals yesterday, easing a 50-year-old ban that has helped make the communist-ruled island a living museum of vintage cars.

Until now, Cubans have only been permitted to sell each other vehicles built before the country's 1959 revolution, which has given long life to the chrome and fintail antiques that swarmed pre-revolutionary Havana.

The new regulations, published in the Official Gazette, had been expected as part of a series of reforms being undertaken by President Raul Castro to ease state controls on the economy and encourage some forms of small-scale private enterprise.

The regulations provide for "the transfer of ownership of vehicles for purchase-sale or donation among Cubans living on the island or foreigners who are residents of Cuba."

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Regarding the 2012 Tourism Policy Plan:

"My vision is for Aruba to excel as a tourism destination through a more sustainable development," explained the minister. "I am sure I can say it is your vision, as well. A sustainable development is, however, easier said than done and a matter of valid concern."

"While tourism has the largest positive impact on our economy, directly providing 51% of our GDP and directly and indirectly, 75% to the labor force, it also has an increasing impact on our resources: environmental, cultural and social."

"The balancing act to achieve a growing economy to the benefit of all, AND sustain and improve Aruba's competitive position in a globally challenging tourism environment, while working towards sustainable development, is a real challenge for the entire Cabinet and the world in general."

Minister Oduber stated the government soon expected the results of EarthCheck/GreenGlobe, which is assessing the baseline of Aruba's sustainable development, to be taken into account in planning the direction of future policies. He also will deploy the analysis of a survey done by a research team from the



Tourism plan goes to Ronella Tjin Asjoe Croes, Paul Croes and Jossy Lacle

University of Central Florida in preparation of his Strategic Plan for the Development of Tourism. The new strategies that will come out of these studies, once examined and discussed with various stakeholders, will also be included in Aruba's tourism policy, which will be presented in a Tourism Summit to take place December 8 and 9.

When the present administration took office, they found there had been issued permits for nearly 4500 additional rooms to be added to the island in various projects. Presently, they believe around 1000 of those will not materialize due to economic factors, and the decision to not re-issue permits. "We are

maintaining the policy of not re-issuing expired permits, restricting expansion and encouraging phasing of construction." Projects that will be realized are the completion of the Ritz Carleton, a resort development at the site of the defunct Bushiri, and a plan to support development of a hotel project at the eastern end of Aruba outside San Nicolas, "to spearhead economic activity and growth in that area." Specifically they favor two small, 50-room boutique facilities and have capped growth to that area at 1500 rooms.

"Our success in tourism is measured by key economic indicators," he continued. "The government's goal is to

increase economic benefits and a better distribution throughout the community."

Minister Oduber thanked his entire staff, those of the ATA, the members of the Tourism Board, his colleague ministers and members of Parliament for their support and hard work, and "most importantly, the entire labor force in the tourism industry" and offered them congratulation on World Tourism Day. He reminded the gathering and all that work in the industry that "It is up to us as a community and individuals to make our commitment to an event better Aruba," and that the motto of the island's tourism entities is "A good place to live is a great place to visit."

The Tourism Policy Plan 2012 was formally presented to the President of Parliament, Paul Croes, CEO of the ATA, Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes, and Chairman of the Aruba Tourism Council, Jossy Lacle.

Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes followed the Minister with her formal presentation of Aruba's Marketing Plan, which will be reported in tomorrow's paper, followed on Saturday by the enlightening and entertaining presentation by Dr. Joachim de Posada.

by Rosalie Klein

Women's role in today's society...

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Facilitator, Celia Thiel, sociologist, gave a splendid presentation regarding the role of women in today's society. She highlighted the woman as the key person of the home with an enormous influence on the entire family. In view of the many difficult situations our society faces, the role of the woman in finding solutions to the various problems is very important.

The informative evening opened with a sketch presented by a group of persons under the guidance of Miangela Ras and Sandra Brown. Their sketch illustrated the weighty responsibilities that the woman often has to carry. On the other hand, they also illustrated how this can be changed by allowing women to get the necessary support they need to ease her burden of educating and caring for her family. The sketch was short but very valuable. The organizers intend to take the lecture "Today's Women" to other barrios on the island.

On Thursday 29th of September they will be at Centro di Bario Noord at 7:30PM

On Friday 30th of September they will visit Centro di Bario Brazil at 7:30PM.

CEDEHM invite all women and family to attend these educational lectures which are designed to support families, the barrios and our island as a whole.



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C.V.A. Aruba Foundation conducts screening event at Y.M.C.A. San Nicolas

SAN NICOLAS -- C.V.A. Aruba Foundation - Fundacion Cerebral Vascular Accident Aruba - is a non-profit foundation, aimed at preventing strokes and support of stroke survivors, their families and their caregivers. Anyone can suffer a stroke when they have problems with blood flow to the brain. This can be due to a blockage in the artery or a brain hemorrhage. When a person suffers a stroke they can temporarily or permanently lose a number of bodily functions, i.e. sight or the ability to speak.

Factors that may increase

the risk of a stroke are, among others, high blood pressure, overweight, unbalanced diet, diabetes, excessive alcohol consumption and smoking. There is no cure for a stroke, only prevention.

The reasons why CVA Aruba Foundation is focusing on prevention more actively at present, is partly in preparation for World Stroke Day (October 29, 2011.) The foundation, in cooperation with the EMT certified group and Valero, is organizing a screening event to all health-conscious people. The event will take place this Saturday, October 1, 2011,

from 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Y.M.C.A. in San Nicolas

Attendees can do sugar test, cholesterol, triglyceride, blood test and weight (BMI), important factors to determine if a person is at risk for a stroke. Attendees can also check their eye sight, get individual advice and general information on health and nutrition

Those interested checking their blood sugar and other factors must come with an empty stomach. All tests are for FREE; there will be a box available for those wishing to leave a donation.

"After Party" comedy this weekend in both San Nicolas and Oranjestad



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Penso, Greta Trapenberg, Anne-Marie Braafheid, Mila Palm, Jenny Fraai, Eric van Ommeren, Gerry Raphaella, Uthsel Victoria

SAN NICOLAS/ORANJESTAD -- This weekend the much acclaimed comedy "After Party" will be presented on Aruba on Saturday, October 1 and Sunday, October 2 beginning at 4:00 PM. Saturday is International Golden Age(r)s Day and the performance will be at the Scol di Arte in San Nicolas. On October 2, the comedy will be presented in the Cas di Cultura in Oranjestad. Both presentations are at 4 p.m.

Tickets are still available at Club Kibrahacha 60+ in Piedra Plat, UNOCA, Scol di Arte, Van Dorp, Dakota and Cas di Cultura at AWG. 25 per person "After Party" was already successfully presented in Hol-

land, Bonaire and Curaçao. Enjoy a sample of this entertaining production by watching it Youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0i08vWgKDT0>.

"After Party" is a comedy for the whole family. It is about 5 "Golden Girls" who decide to live together, celebrating the "After Party" of their lives while reminiscing and evaluating their lives with great humor. Neighbors of the 5 ladies are 3 men, who add some spice to the "After Party"

The comedy is a production of Teatro Luna Blou of Corsow, the actors are very talented, well known professionals. Cast includes: Rina Penso, Greta Trapenberg,

Anne-Marie Braafheid, Mila Palm, Jenny Fraai, Eric van Ommeren, Gerry Raphaella, and Uthsel Victoria. Director is Jackie Bernabela (AruBon). Script writers are Albert Schoobar and Jackie Bernabela. Together with Diana Domacassé-Lebacs and Rigoberto Samson, who complement the team that will delight the Aruban community.

This project is possible thanks to the cooperation of UNOCA, Teatro Luna Blou, The Aruba Cultural Department, The Bonairean Cultural Department, Stimaruba, Mi Cutisa, Club Kibrahacha and the hard working team bringing this entertaining comedy to Aruba.

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The Aruban Minister also remarked that previously there was very little or nothing being done on the area of prevention, but that there is now a concerted effort to stimulate prevention during the entire life span of our people.

He indicated that in government, the matter of sports is usually the first item on the budget to be deleted when there is a shortage of funds,

and the very last item to be included when there is sufficient available funds. While sports is a very necessary part of maintaining healthy bodies and prevention against obesity.

Visser's message was well received by the elite audience. He concluded by saying that..."we need to work together on preventing, among others, obesity from as early as at childhood."

Gloria Vega is the Recipient of the First Annual Malmberg Family Award



The University of Aruba, the Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism Management Studies, FHTMS, is proud to announce that Gloria Vega is the winner of the first annual competition, vying for the Malmberg Family award of excellence.

The family, in conjunction with the university, decided to establish an annual contest for the best defended thesis, presented by FHTMS graduates.

The University of Aruba, offers a three year B.Sc. degree, which culminates in the defense by the students of their research thesis. The thesis draws on all the knowledge and experience gained by the students, both in and out of class, over their time at the university and is an opportunity to research a practical problem, at an academic level, following well-defined scientific procedures.

The Malmberg Family, pioneers in the tourism field, as well as visionaries and innovators, decided to further enhance that academic process with an award of excellence. Recognize the important role research plays in providing the

necessary data needed to make well-informed decisions about how the industry can and should progress in the future, the Malmberg Family has initiated an annual award to be presented to the student, of that year's graduating class, who wrote and defended the best thesis.

It is with great pride that the Malmberg Family, along with the University of Aruba, announces that this year's winner is Gloria Vega for her thesis on:

Key Elements Needed for Boutique Hotels to Represent a Viable Business Opportunity for Investors in a Small Island Development States (SIDS) like Aruba.

The competition for this award was very intense with six of Gloria's classmates scoring an "A" for their thesis, however Gloria went one step further, breaking new grounds with the quality of her research, thus becoming the first FHTMS graduate to score a full "A" and the winner of the Malmberg Family award, which comes with it.

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Chamber of Commerce introduces the "security paper"

ORANJESTAD – The Aruba Chamber of Commerce announces that as of October 3, 2011, all official excerpts and declarations will be submitted on a special security paper; this to avoid any form of forgery of the documents and to enable business owners and official departments the opportunity to control and confirm the documents are officially issued by the Chamber of Commerce.

In the past the Chamber of Commerce had encountered some cases where documents used were forgeries.

In order to prevent this, the Chamber is now introducing a security paper to prevent further irregularities. The special paper has a light blue color and is heavier than the normal copy paper. Each sheet has a unique number, thus making it easier for the KvK to check if it is an original document. The paper also has a watermark which is visible on the rear side.

When copying or scanning the original document the word "COPY" will appear on the copied or scanned paper.

The Chamber of Commerce also informs that all official Chamber documents must always have an original signature.

Journalist from the UK, Mrs. Faye Bonny from the Saturday Express pays Aruba a visit



Recently, the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) had the great pleasure of hosting Mrs. Faye Bonny and her husband Mr. Jon Bonny. Faye works for the Saturday Express where she's the Deputy Picture Editor.

The Daily Express is a daily national middle market

tabloid newspaper in the United Kingdom. It is the flagship title of Express Newspapers. In July 2011 it had an average daily circulation of 625,952 and a readership of more than 1.5 million across the country, making it one of the biggest-selling newspapers in the UK.

Mr. Jonathan Boekhoudt from ATA was appointed to coordinate a nice program for the couple and was also in charge with touring them around our mayor highlights and places of interest. The couple enjoyed themselves very much at the Caribbean Festival that takes place every Thursday night in San Nicolas.

They were taken to various restaurants get a taste of our local cuisine. Faye in particular was very fond of our typical Aruban dish the "Cabrito Stoba" (stewed goat) and her husband Jon had a particular taste for curry chicken.

The ATA would like to thank all the resorts, restaurants and companies for their usual cooperation that made the couple's Aruba experience a pleasant one. Talk of

the Town, Westin Resort, Pincho's Grill and Bar, Delphi water sports, The Aruban Chef, ABC tours, The Old Fisherman restaurant, De Palm Tours, Brickell Bay.

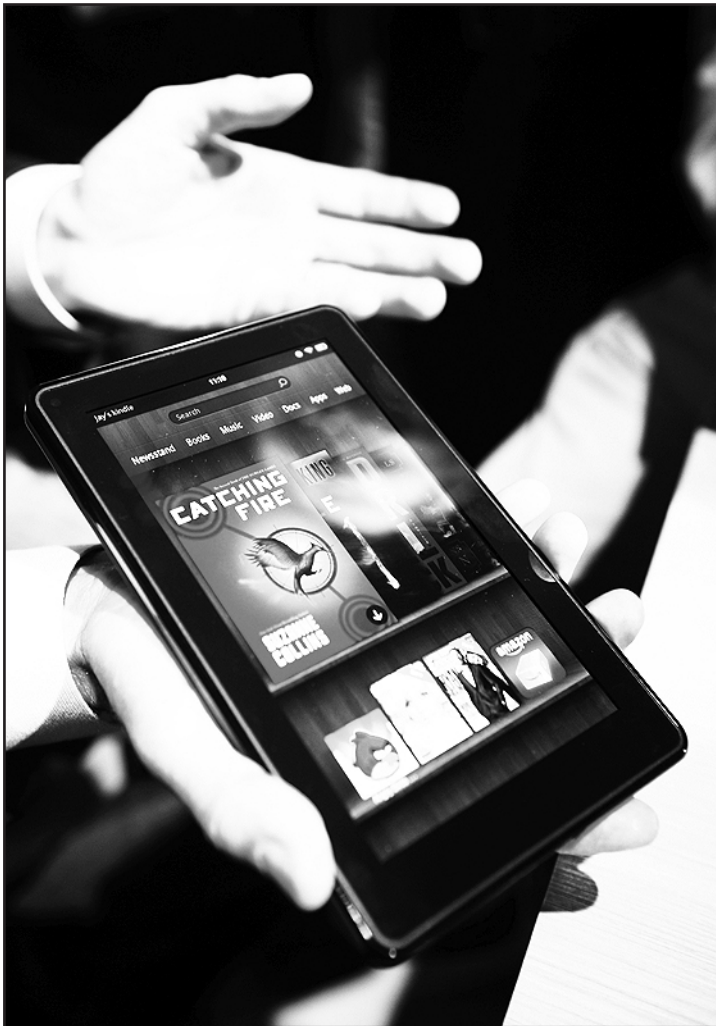
A very special 'thank you' goes to Talk of the Town manager Mr. Hans Timpner,

who hosted the couple for the first days of their stay and did put a nice dinner show for them, were the famous TV program chef from Holland Mr. Hubert Trinidad prepared a very succulent dish of "Cabrito Stoba" especially for Faye.



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Amazon launches iPad rival, the Kindle Fire



The new Kindle Fire tablet. US online retail giant Amazon unveiled a tablet computer, the Kindle Fire, on Wednesday that costs \$199, less than half the price of the cheapest iPad from market-leader Apple. (AFP Photo)

US online retail giant Amazon launched a touch-screen tablet computer, the Kindle Fire, on Wednesday that costs \$199, less than half the price of the cheapest iPad from market-leader Apple.

The Kindle Fire, which has a seven-inch (17.78-centimeter) screen, smaller than the iPad's 9.7 inches (24.6 cm), will ship in the United States on November 15 and could emerge as a strong rival to the Apple device.

"Kindle Fire brings together all of the things we've been working on at Amazon for over 15 years into a single, fully-integrated service for customers," Amazon founder and chief executive Jeff Bezos said.

Bezos also unveiled three new Kindle electronic book readers at a launch event in Manhattan: a new basic Kindle for \$79, a Kindle Touch for \$99 and a Kindle Touch 3G for \$149.

"We're offering premium products, and we're doing it at non-premium prices," he said.

The Kindle Fire has Wi-Fi connectivity only and is pow-

ered by Google's Android software. It does not have a camera like many other leading tablets, including the latest iPad.

Bezos said Amazon is hoping to sell "many millions" and touted the features of a new Web browser in the Kindle Fire called Amazon Silk.

According to technology analysts, a low-priced Amazon tablet could pose the most serious challenge yet to the iPad, which has dominated the fast-growing market for tablet computers since it went on sale in April 2010.

"Amazon will sell millions of tablets, and the rapid fire adoption of the Kindle Fire will give app developers a reason -- finally -- to develop Android tablet apps," said Forrester Research analyst Sarah Rotman Epps.

"Apple's place as market leader is secure, but Amazon will be a strong number two, and we expect no other serious tablet competitors until Windows 8 tablets launch," Rotman Epps said.

According to technology research firm Gartner, the

iPad will account for 68.7 percent of the 69.7 million tablets sold this year and will remain the top-selling device over the next few years.

At \$199, Amazon is significantly undercutting Apple with the price of the Kindle Fire. Apple's cheapest iPad sells for \$499.

"Amazon is competing on price, content, and commerce," Rotman Epps said.

The Kindle Fire connects to Amazon's App Store and it comes with a 30-day free subscription to Amazon Prime, whose members pay \$79 a year for free shipping and other benefits such as unlimited streaming of movies and TV shows.

The Kindle Fire also has a pre-installed Amazon shopping application as Amazon, like Apple, seeks to drive owners of the tablet to its on-line store, which features books, music, movies, TV shows and games.

"Over the past few years, Amazon's customers have gotten used to one-click purchases of books and other published content via the Kindle," independent technology analyst Carmi Levy told AFP.

"(Amazon's) goal is to drive as much business as possible to and through its online retail presence," he said. "Amazon doesn't need to maximize its profits on every tablet sold."

"It'll take thinner margins -- or even per-unit losses -- if that means getting as many Amazon tablets into consumers' hands before the all-important Christmas shopping season," the analyst said.

Technology research firm Forrester has forecast that Amazon could sell 3-5 million tablets in the fourth quarter alone.

Apple sold 9.25 million iPads last quarter and has sold nearly 30 million since launching the device in 2010.

Amazon shares gained 2.45 percent to \$229.71 on Wall Street on Wednesday.

Shares in US bookseller Barnes & Noble, which makes the Nook e-reader and a color Nook tablet, lost 6.89 percent to close at \$12.30 while Apple lost 0.56 percent to \$391.01.



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Swiss, Nissan research car that reads the driver's thoughts



(AFP) -- In the future, thinking about turning left may no longer be just a thought. Japanese auto giant Nissan and a Swiss university are developing cars that scan the driver's thoughts and prepares the vehicle for the next move.

"The idea is to blend driver and vehicle intelligence together in such a way that eliminates conflicts between them, leading to a safer motoring environment," said Jose del R. Millan, a professor at Swiss technological university EPFL who is leading the project.

The project uses "brain activity measurement, eye movement patterns and by scanning the environment around the car in conjunction with the car's own sensors" to forecast the driver's next move.

The vehicle then prepares itself for the manoeuvre by slowing down if necessary, or positioning slightly left or right.

An EPFL spokesman said the research would last four years, and that "at the end of that period, we hope to have a prototype ready."

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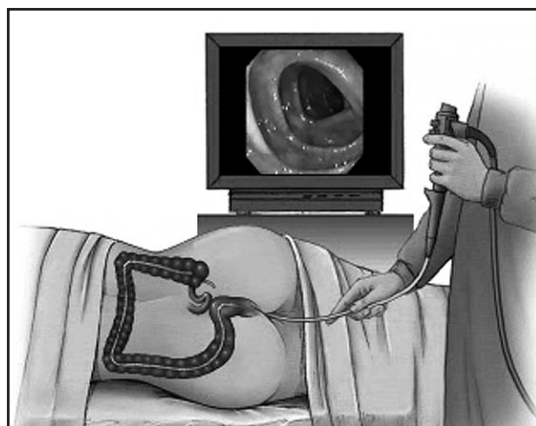


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Colon cancer advances faster in men: study



Colonoscopy

WASHINGTON, (AFP) - Men with colon cancer tend to have more advanced tumors than women of the same age, said a study out that suggested screening guidelines may need to be adjusted for sex and age.

Currently, men and women age 50 and older are urged to get a colonoscopy to screen for growths or polyps that could form into tumors. Colorectal cancer is the fourth

leading cancer killer worldwide, taking 610,000 lives per year.

The study in the Journal of the American Medical Association examined 44,350 participants in a national screening colonoscopy program from 2007 to 2010 in

Austria.

The screenings look for adenomas, which are polyps or benign tumors as well as for particularly advanced adenomas and colorectal cancer.

The analysis found "a significantly higher rate of these lesions among men compared with women in all age groups, suggesting that male sex constitutes an independent risk factor for colorectal carcinoma," according to the study.

For instance, five percent of men age 50-54 had advanced adenomas compared to just 2.9 percent of women.

The rate of colorectal cancer in 55-59-year-old men (1.3 percent) was about the same as in women a decade older (65-69-year-old women were diagnosed at a rate of 1.2 percent).

The prevalence of colorectal cancer overall was twice as high among men, at 1.5 percent, compared to 0.7 percent in women.

The researchers noted that "deciding whether to adjust the age at which screening begins also requires considering whether the recommended age for women should be older or the recommended age for men younger."

However, the study stopped short of saying what that new age should be, saying further studies "are needed to demonstrate the relative clinical effectiveness of screening at different ages."

English court in landmark right-to-die ruling

LONDON, (AFP) - An English judge ruled on Wednesday that a brain-damaged, minimally conscious woman should not be allowed to die, in a landmark case about the right to life-supporting treatment.

High Court judge Scott Baker said it was the first time an English court had been asked to consider whether such treatment should be withdrawn from a patient who was not in a persistent vegetative state but was minimally conscious.

The relatives of the patient, referred to only as M, had argued that she would not have wanted to live in her current condition and applied to the court asking for her food and water to be withdrawn.

Their lawyers argued that, eight years after suffering profound brain damage from viral encephalitis, she had shown no evidence of improvement.

The 52-year-old, who lives in a care home in northern England, is in a minimally conscious state -- just above a

persistent vegetative state.

The lawyers for M's relatives said she was unable to consistently communicate or interact with her environment or with others, could not care for herself and suffered pain, distress and discomfort.

But a court-appointed lawyer representing the patient had argued against the relatives' application, saying that she was "otherwise clinically stable".

The local health authority also opposed the move.

In his ruling, Baker said: "The factor which does carry substantial weight, in my judgment, is the preservation of life."

"I find that she does have some positive experiences and importantly that there is a reasonable prospect that those experiences can be extended by a planned programme of increased stimulation," he added.

The judge said all parties agreed that an existing "do not resuscitate" order should continue.

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Local Musical Giants will also Grace the Stage for Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival



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On October 7th and 8th the Cas di Cultura Plaza will be the venue for the 5th edition of the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival. In addition to renowned stars as Eddie Palmeri, Candy Dufler, Raul Midon/Richard Bona and Angie Stone, our own Aruban musical giants will also take front stage on both days.

On Friday the 7th the "School of Music Ensemble," comprised of a group of Aruban music students, will take the stage. Their presentation will take place on the so-called L G Smith Stage around the Cas Di Cultura Plaza. On the JFK Stage, Michelangelo Koolman, known for his recent success on our local radio stations, will perform his musical rendition. Armin Solognier, other Aruban performer will be there with his "The Armin Electric Trio." While, in the

auditorium of the Cas Di Cultura, Bremono & Jansen Project and Idyllmist will perform their special music.

On Saturday 8th on the JFK Stage, local performers such as, Flame, Rincon Boyz and Time Banditsz will be performing their marvelous musical pieces. In the auditorium the Colegio Arubano orchestra, the School of Music Ensemble and Lee Connor will delight the audience with their exquisite musical renditions. The organizers of the Festival are particularly

grateful for the support received from, Cultuurfonds, UNOCA, and Fonds Podiumkunsten Nederland. These organizations have stood 100% behind the initiative to promote our young people participating in this festival where music and art come together.

The Festival will begin with several warm up events. On Tuesday the 4th of October at Café Rembrandt Cosy Cotton and Grana Louise will be performing at 10 PM. On Wednesday at Casa Del Mar Serghio Jansen and Michael Bremono will perform between 7 to 9 PM. At Arawak Garden, Tango Extreme is expected to perform at 7:30pm, while Cosy Cotton is expected to be at Café de Pijp at 10 PM.

On Thursday evening there will be an event on board the Freewinds at 8 PM with the Freewinds band along with El Prove.

All in all, a series of excellent musical delights for all music lovers. Tickets are available online at www.caribbeanseafoundation.com or at Plaza Bookshop, Clifix, Superfood, Moomba Beach, Cas di Cultura and at CD's and More.

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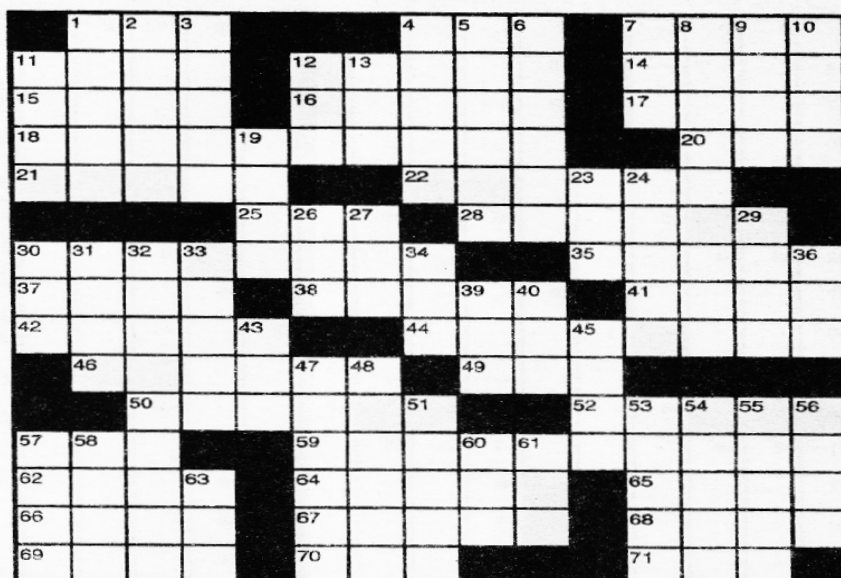
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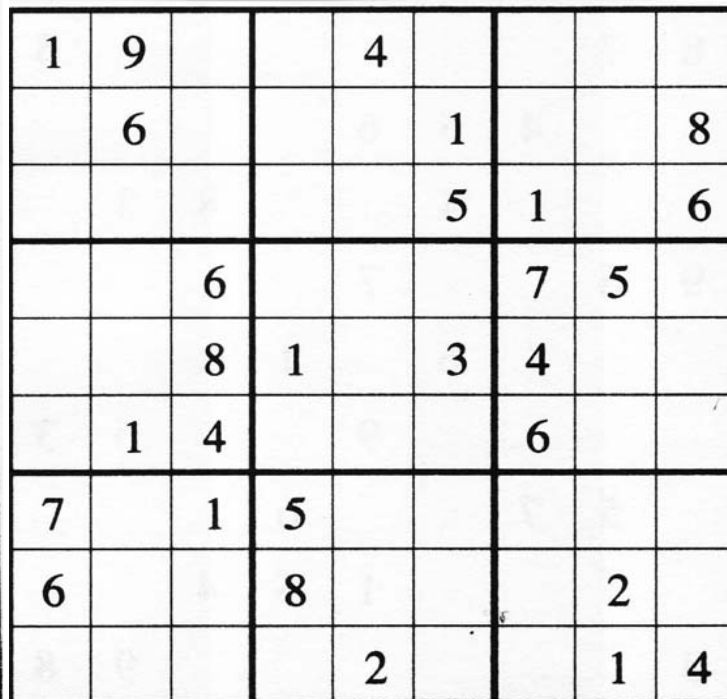
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Finance

Europe presses ahead with controversial financial tax

STRASBOURG (AFP) - Europe went ahead with landmark proposals to tax the financial sector yesterday, ignoring US opposition in a move also sure to provoke a row with London which fears capital flight from the City.

On the drawing-board for more than a year, the idea was given fresh impetus last month when given the nod by Europe's power couple, French President Nicolas Sarkozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

The plan will go before all 27 European Union heads of state and government at an October 17-18 summit, and also be put to a summit of G20 leaders in Cannes on November 3-4.

European Commission president Jose Manuel Barroso said the tax could generate around 55 billion euros a year as he lodged the draft legislation with the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

"The tax would be levied on all transactions on financial instruments between financial institutions when at least one party to the transaction is located in the EU," a commission statement said.

The EU executive stressed that "house mortgages, bank loans, insurance contracts and other normal financial activities carried out by individuals or small businesses fall outside the scope of the proposal."

The aim is to ensure that the financial sector "makes a fair

contribution" after EU governments ploughed 4.6 trillion euros into bailouts mainly for banks caught in a US-triggered property credit meltdown in late 2008, only for taxpayers to suffer as public finances had to be cut as a result.

The commission also has another key goal in mind: some of the receipts from the tax, which would not be implemented before 2014, would go directly into the EU's budget, giving Brussels more independently-raised resources than under the present system of contributions from national governments.

Controversy over where the money will go erupted almost immediately with grassroots activists. One, the group co-founded by U2's Bono, saying the tax should fund the fight against poverty and efforts to mitigate climate change.

"At least half the revenue of an EU financial transactions tax should be allocated to the fight against extreme poverty and climate change, to help millions of people trapped in misery," said Guillaume Grosso of the group's French arm.

Charity group Oxfam said the commission should "go further," covering "all financial transactions" and fixing "more ambitious rates for derivatives products," blamed in part for exacerbating the global financial crisis of the last three years.

The parliament's socialists

and democrats grouping hailed the fact the proposal will target "the most speculative financial products including transactions carried out off-exchange," and bring the date for implementation forward by four years.

But the head of an international network of tax advisers, Taxand, said the plans "will cause severe tension with those countries opposed to the tax."

Frederic Donnedieu de Vabres also maintained that "importantly, the proposals currently do little to stop the tax ultimately being passed on to the clients of financial institutions."

The latest known proposals would slap 0.1 percent on shares and bonds and 0.01 percent on derivatives, although countries wanting higher levels would be free to raise the rate domestically.

While Merkel and Sarkozy offered no details on the tax in August, their support helped send shares into an immediate tailspin with financial sector players warning the measure would push business away from Europe.

Britain, at the heart of the global financial industry, reiterated demands for any such tax to "apply globally," after a Treasury official argued that "otherwise the transaction covered would simply relocate."

The Netherlands are also opposed to it.

"The tax would not be based on where transactions take place but on the parties involved," an EU source has argued.

Decisions on tax matters, the bedrock of national sovereignty, require unanimity under EU rules.

Eurozone is 'burning building with no exits'

LONDON (AFP) - British Foreign Secretary William Hague said yesterday that his assertion more than a decade ago that the eurozone was a "burning building with no exits" had been proved right by the debt crisis.

Hague, one of the most eu-

rosceptic members of Conservative Prime Minister David Cameron's government, added that countries using the single currency would feel the ramifications of the crisis for decades to come.

"I described the euro as a burning building with no exits and so it has proved for some of the countries in it," he said, repeating comments he made in 1998 when he was Conservative leader.

Hague tried to clarify his remarks, saying: "You can have burning buildings where they manage to put out the fire or control it or get more room or something. I might take the analogy too far but the eurozone is not built with exits so it is physically a difficult thing to leave a currency without any plan to do so, I don't think we can advocate that.

Auditors back to Athens as debt crisis hits crunch

ATHENS (AFP) - Global creditors announced Wednesday the return of auditors to Greece in a bid to break an impasse over billions of euros in blocked bailout loans Athens needs to avoid default.

Nearly four weeks after abruptly leaving the city, EU and IMF negotiators will restart tough number crunching from amid mounting social tension and what the European Union describes as the biggest challenge of its history.

Efforts to resolve the wider debt crisis, which the United States fears will trigger another worldwide downturn, are embroiled in national feuding


with German Chancellor Angela Merkel suggesting a second Greek bailout may need to be renegotiated.

Berlin, Paris and the European Central Bank are also at odds over how much Europe's banks should lose in the event of a default, which would require massive recapitalisation of bankruptcy-threatened lenders.

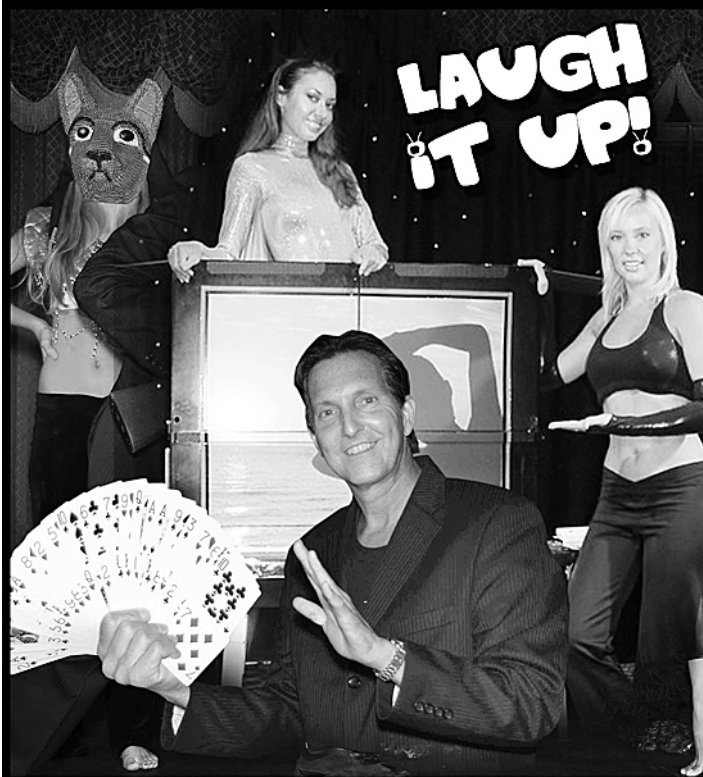
Adding more uncertainty, Slovakia announced it would not stage a crucial parliamentary vote on expanding the powers of the eurozone's broader rescue fund until October 25 -- which means leading Europeans can expect to

face renewed American pressure when G20 finance ministers meet in Paris on 14-15 October.

A Greek government spokesman said the country would escape default.



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Jackson doctor trial turns focus on ill-fated shows



Paul Gongaware, co-chief executive of AEG Live

LOS ANGELES, (AFP) - Fears about Michael Jackson's health just before he died as he geared for a comeback two years ago loomed Wednesday over the trial of his doctor, charged with causing the pop icon's death.

After Tuesday's opening day of courtroom drama in the trial of doctor Conrad Murray, witnesses on the second day began with Paul Gongaware, co-chief executive of AEG Live -- which was organizing the shows.

Gongaware recalled his relationship with Jackson over the "This Is It" series of 50 planned concerts in London, which the King of Pop was rehearsing for at the time of his

death on June 25, 2009.

In a haunting moment on Tuesday, a recording of Jackson's voice speaking with Murray only weeks before his death at the age of 50 floated across the courtroom. The jury was also shown a picture of Jackson's body lying on a gurney covered in a white sheet and gown.

Gongaware said Jackson told him at one point that he wanted to hire Murray as his personal doctor for the tour, and the doctor initially asked for \$5 million for a year.

"I told him there's no way that's going to happen," said Gongaware, adding that the doctor was offered \$150,000 dollars a month to treat Jackson.

Murray's manslaughter trial opened Tuesday with a haunting photo of Jackson's body draped in white on a hospital gurney and an audio recording of the star, slurring and apparently heavily drugged, two months before his death.

But the court also saw a video of Jackson rehearsing "The Way You Make Me Feel" days before his death, and

heard that he had plans for a world tour and a feature film version of his famous "Thriller" video.

Murray's lawyer Ed Chernoff argued that Jackson died "instantly" of a massive overdose after taking two different drugs while the doctor was out of the room at the star's Holmby Hills mansion on June 25, 2009.

Chernoff said Jackson took eight two-milligram lorazepam pills -- enough to put six people to sleep -- without his doctor's knowledge, and then gave himself an extra dose of the powerful sedative propofol. The physician is alleged to have given Jackson an overdose of propofol -- which Jackson himself referred to as "milk" -- to help alleviate his insomnia.

Murray, trained as a cardiologist, has never denied giving Jackson propofol, which typically is used as an anesthetic during surgery, but he denies having "abandoned his patient" at a critical, and ultimately fatal, moment.

The prosecution claims the doctor has Jackson's life on his conscience.

Nabokov, Marquez 'paedophile link' worries Russian church

MOSCOW, (AFP) - A senior figure in the Russian Orthodox Church this week said that the best known works by Vladimir Nabokov and Gabriel Garcia Marquez should be examined to see if they justify paedophilia.

The comments by Vsevolod Chaplin, the church's top cleric for public affairs, provoked an immediate wave of concern amongst cultural leaders who expressed fear his calls could be implemented and taken to a legal level.

Chaplin said that the content of "Lolita" by Nabokov and "One Hundred Years of Solitude" by Marquez should be reviewed as he was concerned about the effect they had on the moral health of society. "We need to discuss to what extent these works justify paedophilia," Chaplin told the Moscow Echo radio station in an interview. "The fact is that even the West used to have a very negative attitude towards them but then it changed."

"The time has come for a moral revolution, a counter-revolution, if you like," Chaplin said.

Both books are known for their frank treatment of sex involving young people.

"Lolita" examines the obsession of middle-aged businessman Humbert Humbert with a 12-year old girl while "One Hundred Years of Solitude" wraps incest and young sex into its magical-realist world.

"Let's go and check then all literature from Homer to the great Russian classics for signs of violence, paedophilia and other unacceptable things," Nikolai Svanidze, a writer who is a member of Russia's public oversight body the public chamber, said sarcastically, according to the Interfax news agency.

Boris Akunin, the historical detective novelist who has won considerable fame abroad, told Moscow Echo that the church should undertake "not to interfere in secular and literary matters."

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The Taj Mahal (meaning Crown Palace) is one of the most beautiful monuments built by the Mughals in Agra, India. Built entirely of white marble, its stunning architectural beauty is beyond adequate description and qualifies it as one of the eight wonders of the world. The Taj was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in the memory of his dear wife and queen, Mumtaz Mahal.

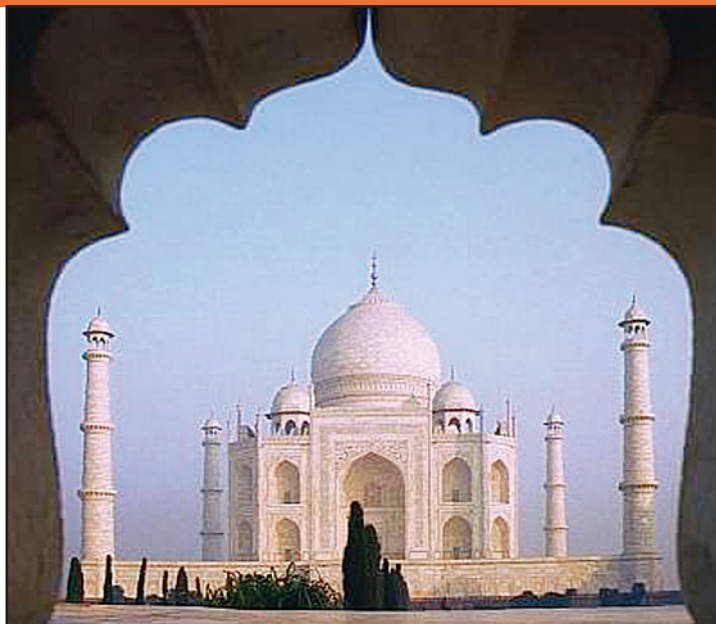
It is this stunning Indian land-mark that Shobhina and Rajesh, who have been living on Aruba for 9 years now??? have decided to name their newest venture after. As they say it is indeed "the only thing that Aruba was missing."

On an island that has any and every type of restaurant imaginable, we were short of a typical Indian restaurant, a restaurant serving a wide variety of the tastes of home-made Indian meals. The Taj Mahal, simply decorated in burgundy and reds (the color of joy) with beautiful hand-embroidered quilt-like tapes-tries, is off to a great start.

Spices

The essence of good Indian cooking revolves around the appropriate use of aromatic spices. Most commonly used are turmeric, cumin, ginger, pepper, garlic, coriander, cloves and curry. The food is usually very hot and spicy and the recently arrived chefs had to learn to lighten up on the use of hot spices, especially for the Arubans and tourists. The flavor certainly does not suffer under this, I can attest to that, as my chicken tikka was simply marvelous.

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Indian spices

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When entering the kitchen one can see a string of flowers attached to the front of the special tandoori oven. Rajesh tells, that according to tradition, the oven is blessed with a prayer and a small ceremony, including the string of flowers and the breaking of a coconut on the oven. The tandoori is a clay oven, fired by charcoal members. This more modern oven has a

stainless steel body surrounding the tandoor for safety and convenience. The heat is 800 degrees, spread evenly throughout the clay of the tandoor. Marinated meat is placed on skewers and laid inside the charcoal pit.

The succulent juices from the meat drip onto the burning charcoals and mingle with the smoke to produce a delicious aroma, which is re-absorbed in the meat, producing the ancient flavor of authentic tandoori cuisine. According to Rajesh, even the bread, the "naan," is baked in this oven.

The Hindu vegetarian tradition contributes greatly to this menu, making it a true vegetarian's dream, offering the largest selection ever.

seen on the island. More than 13 different vegetarian dishes are offered, as appetizers, entrees and side dishes!

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Messi makes more history as Barcelona rout BATE



Argentine Lionel Messi of FC Barcelona celebrates a goal

MINSK (AFP) - Barcelona kick-started the defence of their Champions League crown by roundly thumping BATE Borisov here as Lionel Messi scored twice in a 5-0 win to further cement his place in the history of the Catalan club.

Messi scored either side of half-time on a rainy evening to take his overall tally for the club to 194 goals and move level with Hungary legend Ladislao Kubala in second place in Barca's all-time list of leading scorers.

Only Cesar Rodriguez -- who scored 235 goals in the post-Civil War era -- is still ahead of Messi, but the little Argentine seems certain to eclipse even him in the not-too-distant future.

Neither Messi nor his teammates needed to be at their very best here, though, as Pep Guardiola's side utterly outclassed the Belarus league leaders at the Dinamo Stadium to record their first win in Group H following their frustrating draw with Milan a fortnight ago.

The Spanish champions took the lead on 19 minutes when a Dani Alves cross from the right was not dealt with by Egor Filipenko and Alyaksandr Volodko turned

the ball into his own net at the back post under pressure from Messi.

Three minutes later and it was 2-0 when Pedro stole a march on a rather static Maksim Bordachev to head home a left-wing David Villa cross.

BATE had set their stall out to defend in numbers, with every man back behind the ball except lone striker Mateja Kezman.

Serbian international Kezman's task was a thankless one, and the former PSV Eindhoven, Atletico Madrid, Chelsea and Paris Saint-Germain player cut an isolated figure up front as his teammates tried unsuccessfully to soak up the pressure and hit on the break.

Villa saw two efforts well saved by Alyaksandr Gutor before the BATE goalkeeper gifted a third goal to Messi.

Pedro's cross from the right should have been a routine catch, but he contrived to drop the ball right on to the head of Messi, who will probably never score an easier goal in the Champions League.

It was only Messi's second headed goal in the Champions League, with his first coming against Manchester United in the 2009 final in Rome.

Judge limits Mets liability to Madoff trustee

NEW YORK (AFP) - A federal judge has limited the amount a trustee for investors in Bernie Madoff's Ponzi scheme can collect from the New York Mets to \$386 million, court filings on Wednesday revealed.

A day after US District Judge Jed Rakoff dismissed nine of 11 counts in the \$1 billion lawsuit against Fred Wilpon and other owners of the Major League Baseball club, he set the maximum figure the team could take in the case.

The trustee argued that the Mets' owners knew that Madoff's profits were phony or should have known the figures were false. Mets lawyers have denied Picard's claims that club executives would have to have known of the scheme.

Madoff, 73, was found to have cheated thousands of people out of billions of dollars in a securities fraud and was sentenced to 150 years in prison.

Rakoff wrote in a ruling that trustee Paul Picard had enough of a "willful blindness" argument to carry the case to trial next March and "might well prevail" in court.


Man charged over NHL banana toss

LONDON, September 28, 2011 (AFP) - A 26-year-old man was charged on Wednesday in connection with throwing a banana on the ice at a black National Hockey League player during a pre-season game last week, police said.

Chris Moorhouse of London, Ontario, was issued a summons by provincial police on a charge of engaging in a banned activity under the province's trespassing act. Moorhouse faces a fine of up to \$2,000.

During a game-ending shootout last Thursday in the exhibition match-up in London, Wayne Simmonds of the Philadelphia Flyers skated toward Detroit goaltender Jordan Pearce when a banana was tossed at Simmonds, who is black.

"It was unfortunate that this incident happened but I am above this sort of stuff," Simmonds said. "This is something that is obviously out of my control."



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Tevez suspended by City



MANCHESTER (AFP) - Manchester City suspended Argentinian star Carlos Tevez on Wednesday as they began an investigation into whether he refused to come on as a substitute in the Champions League tie with Bayern Munich.

He denied that he had refused to come on when told to do so by manager Roberto Mancini, who had said after the match - which they lost 2-0 - he was "finished" at the club.

However, the club have decided that it is best he stays away completely while they carry out their investigation.

"Manchester City can confirm that striker Carlos Tevez has been suspended until further notice for a maximum period of two weeks," read the statement.

"The player's suspension is pending a full review into

his alleged conduct during Tuesday evening's 2-0 defeat to Bayern Munich.

"The player will not be considered for selection or take part in training whilst the review is under way."

Tevez had denied Mancini's claims in a statement earlier on Wednesday.

"In Munich on Tuesday I had warmed up and was ready to play. This is not the right time to get into specific details as to why this did not happen. But I wish to state that I never refused to play," Tevez said.

He blamed his failure to appear on "confusion" on the City bench and apologised to the club's fans for "any misunderstanding."

"I would like to apologise to all Manchester City fans, with whom I have always had a strong relationship, for any misunderstanding that occurred in Munich," Tevez said.

"They understand that when I am on the pitch I have always given my best for the club ... there was some confusion on the bench and I believe my position may have been misunderstood."

Mancini has indicated Tevez -- reportedly one of the highest earners in English football with weekly wages of more than £200,000 -- will never play for the club again in the aftermath of Tuesday's defeat.

"If I have my way he will be out. He's finished with me," Mancini said.

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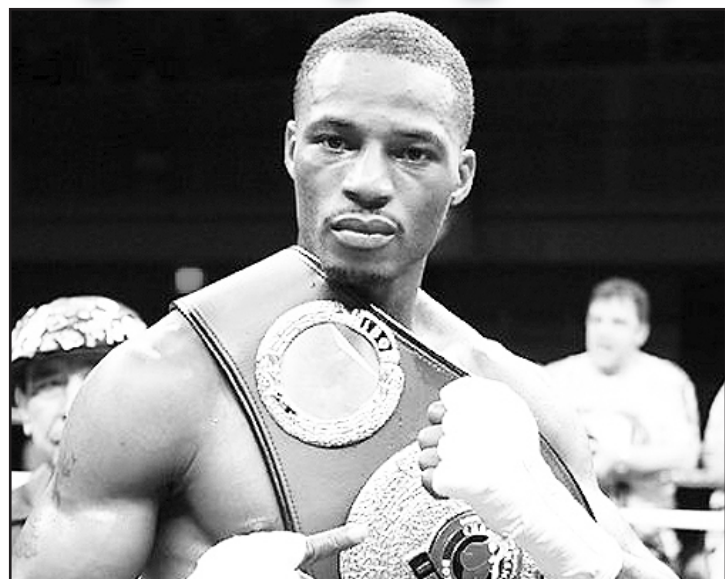


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Dawson vows to dethrone age-defying Hopkins



Chad Dawson

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Chad Dawson plans to dethrone Bernard Hopkins, the oldest world champion in boxing history, and reclaim his World Boxing Council light-heavyweight title when the US fighters meet next month.

"There's no way Bernard Hopkins will beat me. No way," Dawson said Wednesday. "I'm excited for the fight and ready to reclaim my title."

Hopkins, 52-5 with two drawn and 32 knockouts, will face Dawson, 30-1 with 17 knockouts, on October 15 at Los Angeles.

Hopkins set the age record for world champions at 46 when he won the WBC light-heavyweight title by unanimous decision over Canada's Jean Pascal, who took the crown from previously undefeated Dawson last year.

Dawson bounced back from that defeat with a victory over Canadian-based Romanian Andre Diaconu on

the Hopkins-Pascal undercard.

Now the 29-year-old southpaw plans to keep Hopkins from adding any more time to his record reign.

"I give him all the respect in the world. I grew up watching him. I was always a fan," Dawson said. "He's a great fighter. I take nothing away from him. But I look forward to beating him on October 15."

Hopkins has four wins and a draw since his most recent loss, to unbeaten Welshman Joe Calzaghe in a 2008 split decision.

Hopkins has never suffered a knockout loss and has gone the distance in 11 fights in a row over the past seven years, but Dawson plans on forcing a faster pace upon the elder fighter.

"I'm not a knockout artist but I have the strength and I feel I can hurt Bernard. I think I can take him out of there," Dawson said. "He's only going to throw 20 or 30

punches a round. We want to throw 80 or 90."

Former world champion Winky Wright, who lost to Hopkins in 2007, is working with Dawson at his training camp in the Pocono Mountains west of New York. He has stressed mental focus and combating the tactics and tricks Hopkins uses.

"Chad is ready mentally as much as physically," Wright said. "I just try to install in him not let Bernard drag him into dirty tactics. Bernard is a crafty fighter. He tries to get in your head and outsmart you."

"You can't let somebody lure you into their game plan. Don't let Bernard slow the tempo down to his speed."

Having Wright on hand helps Dawson's confidence.

"I'm younger, stronger, faster. I have the better legs. I've got everything but the experience," Dawson said. "Winky knows all the dirty tricks he will pull. He's keeping me aware. I've got to be the smarter fighter."

"Bernard can't touch me, won't touch me."

Dawson reunited with former trainer John Scully for the fight in the wake of his loss to Pascal, saying he had become a bored fighter.

"That's a fight I should never have lost. I had gotten lazy," Dawson said. "People will see the hungry Chad Dawson. They will see the fire is back in my eyes."

The Hopkins-Dawson undercard features Venezuelan Jorge Linares, 31-1 with 20 knockouts, against Mexican southpaw Antonio DeMarco, 25-2 with one drawn and 18 knockouts, for the vacant WBC lightweight crown.

Parcells, Cowher among Hall of fame candidates

CANTON (AFP) - Retired Super Bowl champion coaches Bill Parcells and Bill Cowher are among 103 modern-era candidates for the American Football Hall of Fame announced on Wednesday.

Parcells, 70, spent 19 NFL seasons as a head coach, eight of them with the New York Giants, whom he guided to Super Bowl crowns in 1987 and 1991. He went 172-130 with one draw and 10 of his former assistants became NFL head coaches.

Cowher, 54, coached the Pittsburgh Steelers to the 2006 Super Bowl title and guided the black and gold for

15 NFL seasons, going 149-90 with one drawn.

Parcells and another retired coach, Marty Schottenheimer, were previously nominated before a rule change in 2008 made it mandatory for coaches to be retired from the league for five seasons in a row before Hall consideration.

Among other first-time nominees are quarterback Drew Bledsoe, receivers Keyshawn Johnson and Rod Smith and running backs Tiki Barber and Stephen Davis.

Also being considered will be last year's non-inducted finalists, a group that includes

running backs Jerome Bettis and Curtis Martin, receivers Andre Reed, Tim Brown, and Cris Carter and defensive linemen Chris Doleman, Charles Haley and Cortez Kennedy.

A selection committee will select 25 semi-finalists to be revealed in November with a final list of 15 modern-era finalists to be made in early January.

That group plus senior-era nominees Jack Butler of Pittsburgh and Dick Stanfel of Detroit will be voted upon on February 4 by the Hall of Fame selection committee on the eve of the 2012 Super Bowl at Indianapolis.



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Tiger, Haas, Allenby, Baddeley named to Presidents Cup

NEW YORK (AFP) - Americans Tiger Woods and Bill Haas and Australians Robert Allenby and Aaron Baddeley were named as captain's choice selections for the Presidents Cup matches on Tuesday.

Australian Greg Norman, captain of the Internationals, and US captain Fred Couples completed the 12-man line-ups that meet November 17-20 at Australia's Royal Melbourne Golf Club, where the global side's lone victory came in 1998.

The Americans own a 7-1-1 record in the Ryder Cup-styled team event which involves non-European players. US players have won the trophy three times in a row since a memorable draw in South Africa in 2003.

Couples had previously announced he would select 50th-ranked Woods, the 14-time major winner who struggled with injuries this year and who has not won any title since November of 2009 and the eruption of his infamous sex scandal.

Woods will play next

week's US PGA Frys.com Open, an event aimed at players fighting to keep their playing rights for 2012 that he would typically skip, after Couples said he wanted to see Woods play again before the Presidents Cup.

Woods has hired Joe LaCava, former caddie for US teammate Dustin Johnson and Couples, to be his new bagman, replacing Steve Williams, who now caddies for Australian Adam Scott, who is on the Internationals for the Presidents Cup.

Internationals qualifiers on points included Aussies Scott, Geoff Ogilvy and Jason Day, South Africans Charl Schwartzel, Retief Goosen and Ernie Els, South Koreans K.J. Choi, Kim Kyung-tae and Yang Yong-eun plus Japan's Ryo Ishikawa.

US automatic qualifiers included Johnson, Phil Mickelson, Matt Kuchar, Steve Stricker, Webb Simpson, Nick Watney, Bubba Watson, Jim Furyk, Hunter Mahan and David Toms.



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Guillen named Marlins manager for 2012



MIAMI (AFP) - Ozzie Guillen was announced as the new manager of the Florida Marlins for 2012 on Wednesday, hours ahead of the team's final game of the 2011 Major League Baseball season.

Guillen, a 47-year-old Venezuelan-born shortstop during his 16-year major league playing career, managed the Chicago White Sox from 2004 until asking out of his contract on Monday.

"It's a big, big step in my career, a new chapter," Guillen said. "Hopefully I can bring energy, flavor and enthusiasm, but the most im-

portant thing is a winning team."

In 2005, he became the first Hispanic manager of a World Series championship team by guiding the White Sox to their first major league crown since 1917.

Now he hopes to make the magic happen for the Marlins, who will be renamed the Miami Marlins next year when they begin play in a new downtown ballpark.

"All the pieces are coming together," Marlins outfielder Mike Stanton said. "We got the stadium and we got the manager."

The Marlins entered their final game 72-89, last in the National League East division, and Guillen will be their fourth manager in just over two years, replacing interim boss Jack McKeon, who is retiring at the age of 80.

In eight seasons as the White Sox manager, Guillen went 678-617.

Talks continue as lockout nears three-month mark

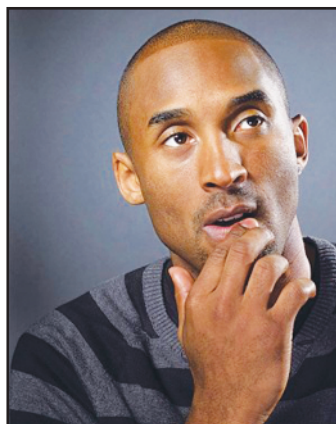
NEW YORK (AFP) - NBA players and club owners met for talks in small groups on Tuesday as an ongoing lock-out approached three months with no sign of a new contract while the planned November 1 start of the season looms.

"So long as there is reason to keep discussing, we will keep discussing, undeterred by the calendar or weekends or things like that," NBA commissioner David Stern said.

Club owners want to reduce the players' portion of \$3.8 billion in annual revenue from 57 percent to less than half and seek a firm salary cap rather than the exception-filled current payroll model.

Players want to avoid a hard salary cap and while they have offered to trim their share to 54 percent, they are far apart of revenue divide numbers with NBA management.

Bryant buoyant over Bologna link



ROME (AFP) - NBA star Kobe Bryant suggested Wednesday that a move to Italy is more than just a possibility.

European clubs have been in touch with some top NBA stars over temporary moves to Europe due to the current impasse over the NBA lock-out in the United States.

Los Angeles Lakers shooting guard Bryant has been approached by Italians Bologna and during a promotional trip to Milan with his sponsors he admitted he is se-

riously considering the move.

"It's very possible, it would be a dream for me. There's an opportunity and we're talking about it right now," he told La Gazzetta dello Sport.

"We'll see what happens. There's no news today but maybe tomorrow. It's a great honour for me to return to Italy, this is one of my homes."

Bryant spent a large part of his youth in Italy after his father moved here to continue his own professional basketball career having left the Houston Rockets.

Bryant speaks near-perfect Italian and claims to be an AC Milan fan.

Bologna originally offered \$800,000-net for a three-game deal but are now said to be trying to put together a \$5-million package that would see Bryant play the entire European season in Italy, should no resolution be found to the current NBA lock-out.

MLB Standings

National League

East				
Y-PHILADELPHIA	101	60	.627	--
ATLANTA	89	72	.553	12.0
WASHINGTON	79	81	.494	21.5
NY METS	76	85	.472	25.0
FLORIDA	72	89	.447	29.0
Central				
Y-MILWAUKEE	95	66	.590	--
ST. LOUIS	89	72	.553	6.0
CINCINNATI	79	82	.491	16.0
PITTSBURG	72	89	.447	23.0
CHICAGO	71	90	.441	24.0
HOUSTON	56	105	.348	39.0
West				
Y-ARIZONA	94	67	.584	--
SAN FRANCISCO	86	75	.534	8.0
LA DODGERS	81	79	.506	12.5
COLORADO	72	89	.447	22.0
SAN DIEGO	70	91	.435	24.0

American League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
Y-NY YANKEES	97	64	.602	--
TAMPA	90	71	.559	7.0
BOSTON	90	71	.559	7.0
TORONTO	80	81	.497	17.0
BALTIMORE	68	93	.422	29.0
Central				
Y - DETROIT	94	67	.584	--
CLEVELAND	80	81	.497	14.0
CHICAGO	79	82	.491	15.0
KANSAS	71	90	.441	23.0
MINNESOTA	62	99	.385	32.0
West				
Y-TEXAS	95	66	.590	--
LA ANGELES	86	75	.534	9.0
OAKLAND	73	88	.453	22.0
SEATTLE	67	94	.416	28.0

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